



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN AID  
OPERATIONS (ECHO)  
Disaster Preparedness and Prevention  
The Director (acting)

Brussels,

### **ARES e-mail**

**Addressees: Directors-General for Civil Protection of the Member States and Participating States of the Union Civil Protection Mechanisms; Directors-General for Civil Protection of Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Kosovo; Members of the Civil Protection Committee**

**Subject: Invitation to submit a proposal for the Action: Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management (“Track 1”) UCPM-2023-TRACK1-IBA**

Dear Directors-General,

This is an invitation to submit proposals for EU action grants in the field of disaster risk management under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. (UCPM)

The work programme<sup>1</sup> of the UCPM for 2021-2025 provides for a funding opportunity to directly support Member States’ efforts in the field of disaster risk management (Action 2.1.2, Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management grants).

The purpose of this action is to help national civil protection and other disaster risk management authorities fill technical and/or financial gaps to preparing investments or to strengthening their institutional and policy framework for disaster risk management.

The enclosed Annex specifies the conditions for awarding these grants, including the exclusion, selection and award criteria. Please note that these are single-country (mono-beneficiary) grants.

This letter does not prejudice the Commission’s final decision on your request.

The rules determining the grant award procedures are set out in the Financial Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1).

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please prepare your application and submit all relevant documents on the Funding & Tenders Portal, which can be accessed through the following link as from 8 March 2023:

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<sup>1</sup> [Commission Implementing Decision C\(2022\) 9290 final of 15.12.2022](#), on the financing of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and adopting a multiannual work programme for 2021-2025 repealing and replacing Implementing Decision C(2022) 961 final.

TOPIC UCPM-2023-Track 1:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/submission/manage/screen/submission/create-draft/29516?topic=UCPM-2023-TRACK1-IBA>

The deadline for submitting the grant application is **24 May 2023 at 17.00 CET**.

Please note that you can submit your application in the system as many times as you wish up until the deadline. Each new submitted version will replace the previous one. Please aim at submitting the final version in good time before the deadline in case there are any issues with the system at the last moment.

In addition to the information and guidance that you will find in the annexed document and on the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#), we will organise an **on-line information session on Thursday 23 March 2023 from 13.00 to 15.00**.

This session will be dedicated to the operational aspects of the application as well as the Funding & Tenders Portal submission process. All persons interested in attending the session are invited to contact us at [ECHO-CP-P&P@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ECHO-CP-P&P@ec.europa.eu) in order to receive the connection details.

Yours faithfully,

*[e-signed]*

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Enclosure: Annex – Call Document